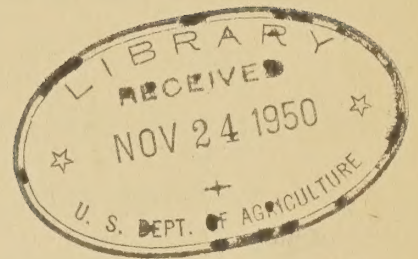


POULTRY HOUSING

A selected list of references



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FOREWORD

Previous studies by the Poultry Housing committees of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers have indicated that almost 500 different designs are now recommended by the various states. A study of climatic conditions, poultry breeds, and different practices in poultry management fail to reveal a need for so many different designs.

This bibliography has been prepared as the first step in simplification of poultry house construction, which must be based on basic requirements of feeding, breeding, labor and optimum environment for maximum and economical production. The references selected are but a partial list of current literature, but are thought to contain a representative sample of the problems to be met in the improvement of poultry housing in the various sections of the country.

The classification shown in the index has been prepared for the convenience of the research worker. Many of the references may appear to be placed in the wrong classification as judged by the subject title, but they have been classified in accordance with some of the most important usage of the subject matter for our purpose. Thus the nutritionist, physiologist or poultry husbandrymen will obviously classify the same bulletins under different headings. It is hoped that all these purposes may help to advance the simplification and improvement of poultry housing suitable for local conditions.

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